GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:310
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TELEPHONE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided with telephone facility till date, State-wise, urban and rural area-wise;

(b) the number of villages still awaiting telephone facility as on date; and

(c) by when these villages are likely to be provided with telephone facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI SU MAHAJAN)

(a) The number of persons provided with telephone facility as on 31.12.02, State-wise, urban and rural area wise are given in the annexure.

(b)to (c): The number of villages awaiting telephone facility as on 31.12.02 is 96758 and these villages are targeted to be provided with telephone facility by the end of December 2003.

ANNEXURE

CIRCLE/STATE-WISE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AS ON 31.12.2002

S.NO	CIRCLE/ STATE	RURAL	URBAN	TOTAL
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	18658	16614	35272
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1085225	3091205	4176430
3.	Assam	112121	400331	512452
4.	Bihar	344071	720343	1064414
5.	Chattisgarh	59870	225624	285494
6.	Gujrat $$	748620	2997336	3745956
7	Haryana	330352	924973	1255325
8.	Himachal Pradesh	291803	210141	501944
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	37954	211328	249282
10.	Jharkhand	77313	340308	417621
11.	Karnataka	821767	2570254	3392021
12.	Kerala +++	1771795	1637237	3409032
13.	Madhya Pradesh	243618	1509616	1753234
14.	Maharashtra @	1155920	7619475	8775395
15.	North East #	78503	243773	322276
16.	Orissa	261590	524136	785726
17.	Punjab $	723018	2125392	2848410
18.	Rajasthan	547562	1361708	1909270
19.	Tamilnadu +++	660508	4239217	4899725
20.	Uttar Pradesh	722676	2716589	3439265
21.	Uttranchal	78611	256877	335488

22.	West Bengal	494026	2458333	2952359
23	Delhi	0	3864165	3864165
		10665581	40264975	50930556

$$ Gujrat includes the Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Die

Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshdweep Islands

@ Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.

North East includes the States of Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland.

$ Punjab includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

+++ Tamilnadu includes the Union Territory Pondicherry

West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.